



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DEPUTY

HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy and enjoyable week across the school, with lots of exciting learning and activities taking place both in and out of the classroom.

Our enrichment clubs have got off to a great start, and it has been fantastic to see so many children getting involved with such enthusiasm. In Cooking Club, the children demonstrated excellent knife skills and thoroughly enjoyed preparing a delicious fruit salad - a wonderful opportunity to develop practical life skills alongside healthy eating.

Art club has been full of creativity, with children already producing some fantastic work, while Darts Club has been a real hit. We may even have the next Luke Littler among us, judging by the focus and talent on display.

Our Leaders' Clubs have also been very busy this week. The Change leaders have begun planning their first event, 'Palentines Day', and are excited to bring their ideas to life.

Eco Club have been busy designing eye-catching litter picking posters to support and encourage our local community, and The Good News Club delivered their first Collective Worship. This was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff.

This week, you will have received a letter regarding attendance at St Mary's. Improving attendance is a key focus for us, as regular attendance plays a vital role in children's learning, progress and wellbeing. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Kayleigh Egerton

Deputy Headteacher

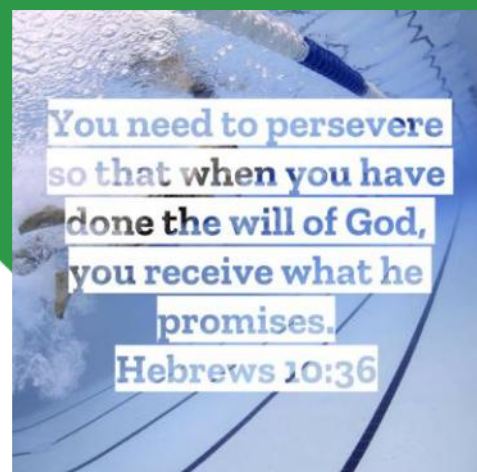
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Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Perseverance



Contact us 8:30am to 4pm at...



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HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

199

235

98

136



Well done Hedehogs!

554

599

326

423

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated this week and had their lunch with Mrs Egerton on Star Table.

Reception - Tilly

Year 1 - Ned

Year 2 - Dylan

Year 3 - Leo

Year 4 - Lyla

Year 5 - Daisy

Year 6 - Henry

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Donaldson

95%



Elizabeth

93.3%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 30th January	PTA cake sale—After school
16th-20th February	Half Term
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—Dress as your favourite character
Thursday 5th March	Book Swap in School
Friday 27th March	Term ends—School closes 1:45pm
Monday 13th April	Term starts—8:40am

CLASS PE DAYS

Donaldson - Year 1	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Elizabeth - Year 2	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Curie - Year 3	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Hawking - Year 4	Mondays (swimming & Wednesdays)
Mandela - Year 5	Wednesdays & Fridays
Attenborough - Year 6	Wednesdays & Fridays

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The C.S. Lewis Award for

Perseverance



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9)

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

We think of the people we know today who help us to follow Jesus.

We think of the people from days gone by whose stories help us to follow Jesus.

Amen

Reception - Watson

This week in Reception we have been busy with our learning. In Maths, the children have been learning about mass and capacity, using scales to compare how heavy and light objects are and using cups and containers to measure capacity. They have been using mathematical language such as: heavy, light, full, empty and half full.

In English, we have been reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs', drawing the main characters and exploring the setting by creating pictures of the strong house made of bricks.

In understanding the world, we have continued learning about minibeasts; the children have drawn their favourite minibeast and used clay to make their own models. In RE, we have been exploring different religious groups, learning about the symbols that are important to different religions and discussing what these symbols represent. The children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity across all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the amazing work Watson class!



Year 1 - Donaldson

Well done Donaldson Class on another fantastic week of learning. In Maths, we have been learning more about the number line up to 20 and have been ordering numbers and estimating where they sit on the line.

In English, we have been learning about the conjunction 'but' and using it to join two ideas to create a sentence about Beegu's feelings.

In Science today, we are excited to explore more about our senses and will be focusing on our sense of taste. We will be trying a variety of foods to distinguish between the tastes of sour, sweet, bitter and salty. Please ask the children what their favourite was after school today!



Year 2 - Elizabeth

What an amazing week in Elizabeth's class!

In Maths, we have been finishing our topic on money. The children worked really hard making a pound and finding lots of different ways to do this using a variety of coins. We also tackled two-step money problems and completed a fun activity followed by a mini-assessment.

In English, we have been planning our final pieces based on the story *The Bear on the Stairs*. The children came up with some excellent ideas, such as "The Mouse in the House" and "The Dog in a Den". We will be writing these stories in full next week.

In Art, the children have been working extremely hard on their Tinga Tinga-style colouring and drawings, showing great focus and creativity.



Year 3 - Curie

This week in Year 3, we have come to the end of our whole-class book "Escape from Pompeii." To finish the unit, the children wrote newspaper reports as if they had witnessed the volcanic eruption themselves. Their writing was full of drama, detail, and thoughtful use of language — a fantastic way to bring history and English together.

In Science, we explored how fossils are formed and even had a go at creating our own model fossils using salt dough and toy dinosaurs. The children loved this hands-on activity and showed great curiosity about life millions of years ago.

We have also wrapped up our Maths topic on multiplication and division. The children should feel very proud of how much progress they have made. They are now excited to begin our new topic on measurement, focusing on length and perimeter.



Year 4 - Hawking

This week in Year 4 has been full of creativity and curiosity. In Science, the children have been investigating and researching the states of matter, asking thoughtful questions and exploring how materials can change. In art, they have been drawing runes inspired by stone images, producing some imaginative and detailed work.

In English, we have finished reading *Frindleswylde* and have begun planning an exciting sequel, with lots of fantastic ideas already taking shape. In whole-class reading, we are thoroughly enjoying *How to Train Your Dragon*, which has prompted plenty of laughter and lively discussion.



Year 5 - Mandela

Mandela Class have had a brilliant and busy week of learning. In English, pupils proudly finished reading *The Tempest* and have already begun planning their own Shakespeare-inspired plays, experimenting with dramatic language and imaginative plots. In Cricket, the focus has been on batting skills, with children showing growing confidence and control. Whole-class reading has taken us into Part 2 of *Wonder*, which has completely gripped the class and sparked thoughtful discussion. In Maths, pupils successfully completed Multiplication and Division B, applying their skills with increasing accuracy. Computing lessons saw the class continue developing their Google Docs formatting skills, particularly adjusting margin sizes and text alignment. In History, learning centred on Henry VIII's family tree, with pupils interpreting historical sources to understand what they reveal about life in that period. Overall, it has been a focused, creative, and highly engaging week for Mandela Class.



Year 6 - Attenborough

This week in Year 6, we have been busy across the curriculum. In Maths, we began learning how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages, developing our understanding of how these forms are linked. In Science, we carried out a hands-on investigation inspired by Darwin's finches, exploring how different beak shapes have adapted over time; the children tested this by picking up rice, marbles, paperclips and rubber bands using chopsticks, tweezers, pegs and spoons. In RE, we listened to the Hindu story The Man in the Well, which encouraged thoughtful discussion about human life and the challenges and experiences we may face. In English, we wrote detailed character descriptions of animals from The Last Wild and enjoyed trying to guess each other's creatures using the clues provided.



The PTA are holding a cake and drink sale after school Friday 30th January!

Cash and card accepted.



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We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not

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- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
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Term Time Opening Hours

9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday


7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



We Can't :

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors

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Who's in Charge?

A FREE* 8 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS LIVING WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD

COURSE COVERS:

- ENTITLEMENT VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY
- CONSEQUENCES
- ANGER
- ASSERTIVENESS
- SELF-CARE
- COOPERATIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

DATES:

**Mondays from 26th Jan
(no session in half-term)**

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

LOCATION: Onslow St. Audrey's School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/q1ci0btEX5>



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DATES:

Wednesdays from 28th Jan - 25th March (no session in half-term)

TIME: 9:30-11:30am

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

LOCATION: Peartree Primary School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:

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Dates for your diary

November 2025

Saturday 1st Book Swap

Tuesday 11th Warm Space

Tuesday 25th Warm Space

Tuesday 4th Friendship Group

Saturday 15th Book Swap

December 2025

Tuesday 2nd Friendship Group

Tuesday 9th Warm Space

Saturday 6th Book Swap Xmas Special

Saturday 20th Book Swap

January 2026

Saturday 3rd Book Swap

Tuesday 13th Warm Space

Tuesday 27th Warm Space

Tuesday 6th Friendship Group

Saturday 17th Book Swap

February 2026

Tuesday 3rd Friendship Group

Tuesday 10th Warm Space

Tuesday 24th Warm Space

Saturday 7th Book Swap

Saturday 21st Book Swap

Friendship Group, The Sibthorpe Arms (conservatory), Station Road, Welham Green 11am-12midday, doors open at 10:30am for tea/coffee beforehand. Activities vary each month from quizzes and bingo to Guest speakers. All ages welcome.

Warm Space, The Burns Pavilion (bowls club), Bushwood Close, Welham Green. 10am-12midday. Come along for a hot drink and biscuit for 50p, a space to sit and chat but also play cards, board games etc. Ran by north Mymms Parish Council. All ages welcome.

North Mymms Book Swap, North Mymms Memorial Hall, 10am-12 Midday. Come along to swap a book or puzzle. Refreshments including homemade cake available in the main hall. All ages welcome.



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